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November 26, 2002
Mr. Dean Gould
Base Realignment and Closure
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Southwest Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
1220 Pacific Highway
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Re: FFA Schedule Extension Request for Sites 3 and 5, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro,
dated November 13, 2002

Dear Mr. Gould:

EPA has received your request for an extension to the FFA schedule for submittal of a revised draft ROD for Sites 3 and 5 to August 19, 2003.

As noted in the request, many changes to the draft ROD have been proposed including possibly consolidating waste from Site 5 into Site 3 as well as possibly reducing the current footprint of Site 3. In addition, completion of the draft ROD hinged upon issuance of the Draft Release Report for the Radiological Survey. Discussions regarding radiological action levels continue between the Navy and the regulatory agencies.

EPA is in support of further exploring the possible consolidation of wastes for these landfills, and we concur with the request for a 9-month extension in order to complete the required documentation. We understand that further information is forthcoming and that the information the Navy has shared with the BCT thus far is preliminary. We look forward to working as a team to reach a sensible cleanup decision for these sites.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Moutoux", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Moutoux
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